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## Activities

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**Angela Merkel wins again (Page 1)****Instructions:** Read the article 'Angela Merkel wins again'.

Answer questions 1-16.

1. When did Angela Merkel become chancellor of Germany?

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2. List the countries that have larger economies than Germany

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3. How many nations are members of the European Union (EU)?

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4. What is the 'eurozone'?

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5. How many seats and what percentage of the vote did the CDU/CSU get?

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6. Which party is Mrs Merkel expected to form a coalition with?

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7. List the EU countries that have received 'bailouts'?

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8. What is the AfD? What percentage of the votes did it get? What does this mean?

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9. What happened in Germany in 1989 and 1990?

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10. What is the CSU? Explain the relationship between the CDU and the CSU.

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11. Which party did the CDU have a coalition with between 2009 and 2013? What happened to this party in the recent election?

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12. What does 'eurosceptic' mean?

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13. When did Mrs Merkel join the CDU? In what year did she become the party's leader?

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14. What is meant by 'grand coalition'? When was the last grand coalition in Germany?

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15. Explain why Mrs Merkel might have less power than she did before?

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16. What is the German parliament building called?

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**BlackBerry to be sold (Page 12)****Instructions:** Read the article 'BlackBerry to be sold'.

Tick either true or false for the following statements.

	TRUE	FALSE
1. Fairfax Financial is a private equity company.		
2. Apple has announced that it will buy BlackBerry.		
3. The BlackBerry Company used to be called RIM.		
4. The HTC Company is from South Korea.		
5. BlackBerry is an American company.		
6. Fairfax already owns 10% of BlackBerry.		
7. BlackBerry's PlayBook tablet sold very well.		
8. Over the last quarter BlackBerry lost US\$950 million (£590 million) .		
9. Apple began selling its first iPhone in 2007.		
10. BlackBerry's bosses have announced that they will be taking on more workers.		

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**UN Syria vote (Page 16)****Instructions:** Read the article 'UN Syria vote'.

The answers to the questions are given for 1-10. Write the questions.

1. **Q.** \_\_\_\_\_**A.** 1st October.2. **Q.** \_\_\_\_\_**A.** France, Russia, China, the USA, and the UK.3. **Q.** \_\_\_\_\_**A.** China.4. **Q.** \_\_\_\_\_**A.** Veto resolutions.5. **Q.** \_\_\_\_\_**A.** 1971.6. **Q.** \_\_\_\_\_**A.** 15.7. **Q.** \_\_\_\_\_**A.** The leaders of France and the USA.8. **Q.** \_\_\_\_\_**A.** Russia.

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**UN General Assembly (Page 11)****Instructions:** Read the article 'UN General Assembly'.

Draw a line to connect the correct links. The first is done for you.

UN's headquarters

68th session president

General Assembly

League of Nations

John Ashe

New York City

Dilma Rousseff

September

United Nations

Antigua and Barbuda

Pakistan

Brazil

Ban Ki-moon

India

Latin American and Caribbean Group

Secretary-general

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**'Shutdown' in the USA (Page 5)**

**Instructions:** Read the article "Shutdown' in the USA' and fill in the spider diagram below with the details.

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**Iran offers nuclear talks (Page 10)****Instructions:** Read the article 'Iran offers nuclear talks'.

Answer questions 1-8.

1. When was the IAEA set up and what is its main job?

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2. List the countries that have already developed nuclear weapons.

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3. What was unusual about Hassan Rouhani and Barack Obama speaking on the telephone?

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4. What is meant by the word 'proliferation'?

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5. Which organisation voted to place sanctions on Iran? What effect are they having?

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6. Where will the nuclear talks take place and when are they expected to start?

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7. What is a 'hardliner'?

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8. Mr Rouhani made his announcement in New York City. Why was he there?

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**World Map (Page 13)**

**Instructions:** Solve these anagrams. Each answer is a country that appears on the World Map. Each anagram has one extra letter. Together the extra letters form another anagram. The answer is a mystery country. One is already done for you.

1. AGRNI

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2. EBRISALU

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3. DNAOPML

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4. MSNAAIOL

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5. IDSNNOIAOE

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6. NEDWASE

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7. ROOTLAGPU

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8. NIKLAASPT

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**Issue 207 Elimination**

**Instructions:** Read issue 207. Now eliminate from the list 13 pairs of words or phrases that go together. You will have one word or phrase left over. That is the answer. One pair is already done for you.

Al-Shabaab

Carbon dioxide

Balance

Murmansk

Etruria

~~Arctic Sunrise~~

Russia

Affordable Care Act

Carats

IPCC

CDU

Geneva

RIM

Rabbits

Inner ear

Karachi

Gemstones

Iberian Lynx

CSU

Italy

~~Greenpeace~~

Carnivores

Obamacare

Somalia

Methane

Meat-eaters

BlackBerry

**Odd one out =** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Issue 207 multiple choice quiz****Instructions:** Read issue 207 and circle the correct answers for questions 1-10.

1. **Which of the following is not one of the UN Security Council's five permanent members?**
  - a. China
  - b. Russia
  - c. The UK
  - d. Japan
  - e. France
2. **Who has been re-elected as the chancellor of Austria?**
  - a. Heinz-Christian Strache
  - b. Frank Stronach
  - c. Werner Faymann
  - d. Peer Steinbrück
  - e. Bernd Lucke
3. **In what European country does Golden Dawn operate?**
  - a. Portugal
  - b. Spain
  - c. Austria
  - d. Bulgaria
  - e. Greece
4. **For what is the De Beers Company best known?**
  - a. Iron ore
  - b. Diamonds
  - c. Copper
  - d. Gold
  - e. Silver
5. **Of which country is Hassan Rouhani the president?**
  - a. Iraq
  - b. Iran
  - c. Jordan
  - d. Turkey
  - e. Egypt
6. **Where does the 'grand debate' take place?**
  - a. Annual European Union (EU) meeting
  - b. BRICS annual summit
  - c. The Reichstag building
  - d. UN General Assembly
  - e. IPCC in Geneva
7. **In which country is Lombok Island?**
  - a. Indonesia
  - b. Taiwan
  - c. Philippines
  - d. Vietnam
  - e. Malaysia
8. **How many countries are members of the United Nations (UN)?**
  - a. 91
  - b. 127
  - c. 148
  - d. 193
  - e. 221
9. **Which planet in the Solar System has 67 moons?**
  - a. Saturn
  - b. Venus
  - c. Jupiter
  - d. Mars
  - e. Neptune
10. **In which African country is the militant group al-Shabaab based?**
  - a. Ethiopia
  - b. Somalia
  - c. Mali
  - d. Algeria
  - e. Barcelona